

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Mexico has withdrawn her demands on Guatemala.

The Harriman lines have orders for 110,000 tons of steel rails for delivery in 1908.

Armed bandits are reported to be committing depredations in several sections of Cuba.

The shipping trust declares it will never give in to the striking New York longshoremen.

An heir to the throne has been born in Spain and there is great rejoicing throughout the land.

An enraged mob at Butte made an unsuccessful attempt to lynch an officer who shot an escaping prisoner.

A Chicago paper claims that Charles H. Moyer, implicated in the Steunenberg murder, is an ex-convict, having served a term in Joliet for burglary.

The Court of Appeals of New York has granted the attorney general the right to contest Mayor McClellan's seat. The recount of the ballots is now expected to commence soon.

E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, says if railroads would use heavier rails there would be fewer accidents. The heavy cars now used by the roads cause frequent breakage of rails.

The death list in the steamer Polton wreck is placed at 45.

From an unknown source Princeton university has received a gift of \$1,200,000.

There is some suspicion that an expert jury fixer is at work on the Hayward jury at Boise.

Two volcanoes in Sicily, Stromboli and Etna, are in active eruption, causing terror on all sides.

One of Germany's leading papers editorially predicts war between Japan and the United States.

An excursion of Omaha business men will make a tour of the Northwest. There will be 125 in the party, which will start June 2.

A suburban passenger train on the Burlington road was wrecked six miles out of Chicago. One passenger was killed and a number injured.

Colorado men are endeavoring to have patents to several thousand acres of land set aside because it is claimed the lumber companies obtained possession fraudulently.

Passengers at New York wishing to cross the ocean are carrying their own baggage on board vessels on account of the longshoremen's strike. Freight is piling up on the docks and thousands of boxes of citrus fruit has been ruined.

Russian Socialists are to hold a convention in England.

Nine lives are reported lost in the tornado which swept Texas.

Union teamsters of Los Angeles are on strike and all other organizations of the city may join them.

The Imperial council of Mytic Shrines is in session at Los Angeles. Seattle is working for the next convocation.

A new Irish home rule bill has been introduced in parliament. Absolute control of eight departments is granted by the bill.

A San Francisco maniac killed six people with a shotgun. He declares they were trying to poison him for his insurance.

In a collision between a freight and passenger train on the Mobile & Ohio railroad at Percy, Ill., eight persons were injured.

Butte Chinese charge the police with burglary. The Orientals say officers are in the habit of visiting their stores frequently and helping themselves at the point of a gun.

A New York grand jury has indicted the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Ontario & Western, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Western Transit company for giving the American Sugar Refining company freight rebates.

A new revolt has started in Morocco. There are still many Russian soldiers in Corea.

The National Tuberculosis convention is in session in Washington.

The aid of Pennsylvania constabulary has been asked to preserve order at Pittsburg, where a machinists' strike is on.

ONE DEAD, THIRTEEN HURT.

San Francisco Scene of Bloody Conflict Over Car Strike.

San Francisco, May 8.—Rioting by streetcar strikers and their friends and repeated fusillades of bullets from strikebreakers yesterday marked the first attempt to run cars on the United Railroads since the strike began. The movement of a freight car from one barn was the signal for obstruction of the track by a mob and for a shower of missiles aimed at those who operated the car. After running only half a block the car was taken back to the barn.

Having thus made a test, the company at 2:30 p. m. sent a string of seven passenger cars out of the Turk and Fillmore street barns, manned by armed strike breakers. Their appearance was the signal for renewed rioting. Brickbats, paving stones and all manner of missiles were hurled at the cars by a pursuing mob of several thousand. One of the guards on the cars retaliated with a shot, which hit its mark. The assault on the cars became more furious and the guards retaliated with several fusillades, which caused the death of one man, wounded one fatally and 12 less seriously. After running a few blocks the cars were returned to the barn and the attempt to operate the lines was abandoned for the day.

Union pickets went among the mob, imploring them not to throw stones. They were jeered by union men and sympathizers. The police with one exception did not even draw their clubs.

The police did little to check the lawlessness. They attempted to disperse the mob from violence, but only two of them used force and they did it so effectively that they cleared the way for the cars for the time being. The police arrested 13 of the strikebreakers for shooting, but made no arrests among the mob.

That the many bloody events of yesterday may be repeated with even more tragic results was the fear expressed last night when it was made known that the United Railroads' program for today includes another attempt to resume the operation of its system. This attempt, according to General Manager Mullaney, will be made some time in the forenoon. He declined to state at what hour or to discuss the company's plans in this respect.

TRAINROBBERERS ARE FOILED.

Engineer Loses Life in Saving Passengers From Destruction.

Butte, May 8.—The North Coast Limited east bound train of the Northern Pacific Railroad company was held up early yesterday morning by two masked men near Welch's spur, a siding 18 miles east of Butte, and Engineer James Clow shot dead and Fireman James Sullivan shot through the arm. Without making an attempt to blow up the express car, as was evidently intended, the two robbers jumped from the cab and ran down the mountain side, disappearing in a gulch several hundred yards from the track.

On the tender of the locomotive was found a telescope grip full of giant powder, intended for use in blowing up the express car.

The two bandits thus far have managed to elude about 15 officers scouring the mountains in the vicinity of the hold-up. Officers returning from the spur state that the trail was lost by the prison dogs on a road leading to Butte, where the bandits had sprinkled a quantity of red pepper. The officers have a number of fresh hounds in reserve and the hunt will be resumed.

GIVE BACK THEIR COAL LANDS.

Denver, May 8.—Through the instrumentality of officials of the department of Justice here, certain persons in a state farther east have surrendered to Assistant United States Attorney General Burch the patents for and deeded back to the government voluntarily between 1,000 and 2,000 acres of very valuable coal lands in Routt county, Colorado, for which nearly \$100,000 had been offered them, the probable value being two or three times that amount. This was done after careful consultation with eminent counsel.

Trains Crash in a Fog.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 8.—In a dense fog early today the New York-Chicago express No. 7, upon the Baltimore & Ohio railroad crashed into an east bound freight train as it was taking the siding at Rosby's Rocks, 20 miles east of here, killing four of the railroad men, seriously injuring three others, and slightly injuring five passengers. The engine, baggage, mail and express cars were demolished, but the passenger coaches and the sleepers were uninjured.

2,000 Hodcarriers Join Strikers.

Chicago, May 8.—Two thousand hodcarriers and building laborers today joined the strike of the bricklayers. A speedy settlement is predicted. The total number of men now out is about 10,000.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

JUDGE GRAY POSSIBILITY.

Conservative Democrats Favor Him for Presidential Candidate.

Washington, May 9.—A senatorial syndicate having for its object the control of the next Democratic national convention is in process of formation. William J. Bryan might call it a conspiracy, for it is decidedly anti-Bryan in character, while the work preparatory to launching the movement that is contemplated has been conducted with well guarded secrecy. Something tangible, however, is likely to transpire in connection with the movement within a few days, when the country will be let into some of the details.

Some of the plans of the senatorial syndicate are merely tentative, but at this time the candidate favored for the presidential nomination is Judge Gray, of Delaware. Unless something unforeseen happens, it is believed that Judge Gray will be the sure-enough conservative Democratic candidate for presentation to the national convention.

AFTER THE WATCH TRUST.

Its Goods Are Sold Abroad for Less Than at Home.

Washington, May 8.—Charles E. Keene, of New York, president of the Independent Watch Dealers' association, today conferred with Assistant District Attorney Purdy concerning an investigation which the department is making into the methods of the so-called "watch trust." Mr. Keene presented to Mr. Purdy, he said, evidence concerning the operations of the alleged watch trust. He asserted that American made watches could be purchased in various European countries for much less than they could be bought in this country, and that the alleged watch trust sold watches to foreign dealers at a much less price than they quoted to American dealers. He exhibited American watches which he had purchased abroad for less than he could buy them in this country.

AMBASSADOR FROM JAPAN.

Will Visit Portland and Seattle on Behalf of His Countrymen.

Washington, May 11.—T. Takahashi, of Seattle, has been in frequent consultation with the Japanese ambassador the past few days regarding the Japanese situation in the far Northwest. The ambassador is greatly interested in Takahashi's statement that business men of Oregon and Washington generally are not hostile to Japanese and has promised to visit Seattle and Portland in a few weeks for the purpose of making personal investigation. The exact date of his trip cannot be fixed until the ambassador has concluded the ceremonies in connection with the entertainment of General Kuroki and party in this city and Jamestown. Takahashi will participate in the Kuroki reception here and start for home in about ten days via New York and Boston.

May Sever Relations.

Washington, May 9.—Although the actual news of the severance of diplomatic relations of Guatemala and Mexico has not reached here, officials have no doubt that Mexico has taken the action that will result in giving to the Guatemalan minister in Mexico passports for his withdrawal. The American minister in Guatemala is now preparing to return home, and the American charge, Philip Brown, secretary to the legation has been instructed to look after Mexico's interests in the Guatemalan capital.

Express Rate Too High.

Washington, May 7.—The Interstate Commerce commission has rendered its first opinion in a case involving the reasonableness of an express rate. The case was brought by the society of American florists, who claimed that the rate charged by the United States Express company on cut flowers from New Jersey points to New York city was unreasonable. This rate, until July, 1906, was 50 cents per hundred pounds, and at that time was raised to \$1. Commissioner Lane, who delivered the opinion, holds that the rate could be reduced to 60 cents.

Fins Berth for Wood.

Washington, May 8.—The order assigning various officers to command department proposed by the general staff was issued today by the adjutant general of the army. It provides that Major General Wood shall be relieved from the command of the Philippine division and shall assume command of the department of the East at Governor's Island, relieving Major General Grant, who is ordered to assume command of the department of the Lakes at Chicago, relieving Brigadier General Carter.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, May 9.—Today's treasury statement shows: Available cash balance, \$255,288,079; gold coin and bullion, \$99,555,988; gold certificates, \$43,325,060.

CHINA SENDS GRATITUDE.

Viceroy Thanks America for Gifts to Relieve Famine.

Washington, May 10.—A dispatch received today from Consul General Rodgers at Shanghai says: "The viceroy of Liang Kiang province requests me to offer his sincere thanks to the American people and government for magnificent gifts sent to relieve the suffering Chinese of the Kiang Peh famine district. In addition to this request of the viceroy, have received similar expressions from all the ranking Chinese officials of this section of China."

Special arrangements are being made by the viceroy to assist in the landing and handling of the cargo of the army transport Buford. The news of the coming of the Buford has spread throughout the whole empire. The Red Cross today decided to remit \$1,000 additional by cable at once to Mr. Rodgers for famine relief.

HAS POWER TO REGULATE.

Railroads Are Creatures of Nation, Says Judge Farra.

Washington, May 7.—That the United States has full power under the constitution to govern and control railroad corporations is declared by Judge E. H. Farra, of New Orleans, in a letter addressed to President Roosevelt. The railroads, he says, are creatures of the Nation. This fact places them under the rule of the nation, and has the dual result both of regulating the roads and protecting them from an unjust exaction by the states. The roads can be protected, he says, against the prejudice of the local jury by giving them the right to sue and be sued in the Federal courts. The national government should provide the manner and extent through which the roads should be taxed by the states.

Investigate Artesian Wells.

Washington, May 8.—Representative Jones has just received assurances from the director of the United States geological survey that the request for an investigation on artesian water possibilities in the Yakima valley will be complied with. The region specified is Gold Creek valley, in the vicinity of township 12 north, range 24 east. From a superficial investigation of this region it appears that artesian possibilities are excellent. The investigation contemplated will develop all the facts possible.

Wants Experts for Land Office.

Washington, May 7.—Commissioner Ballinger, of the general land office, has asked Secretary Garfield to assign to duty in his bureau two of the business experts who are to be engaged by the secretary to suggest improved plans for the betterment of the service of his department, to assist in developing certain reforms now in progress in his bureau in order that particular attention may be paid to the divisions of mail and files and accounts.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 8.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—New Pine Creek, Benjamin F. Griffith, vice H. M. Fleming, resigned. Washington—Lamar, Albert S. Gross, vice M. L. McNelly, resigned. John J. Rezek has been appointed regular, Samuel P. Soule, substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 1; Roy M. Cowles regular, Whitney H. Cowles substitute, route 2, Wenatchee, Wash.

Cruiser Tacoma Leaves Santiago.

Washington, May 8.—The cruiser Tacoma, by orders of the Navy department, has left Santiago, the scene of the recent collision between the sailors of that ship and the police, and gone to Guantanamo, thus removing the possibility of further friction.

Surgeon Noble Sent to Canal.

Washington, May 9.—Captain Robert E. Noble, assistant surgeon, is relieved from duty at Fort Casey to take effect upon arrival at that post of First Lieutenant John R. Bosley, assistant surgeon, and will then repair to this city for duty with the Isthmian Canal commission.

Opens Actors' Fair at New York.

Washington, May 8.—At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the president touched a button at the White House which opened the fair for the benefit of the actors at the Metropolitan opera house in New York.

Awards Carrying Contract.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary Garfield awarded the contract for transportation of supplies from Seattle to Reindeer stations and schools in Alaska for the coming season to Captain Michael White, of Ballard, Wash.

New Register at Halley.

Washington, May 7.—Alvin McMahon was today appointed register of the land office at Halley, Idaho.

SUBMITS TO NEW LAW.

Harriman Annuls Long Contract With Clark Railroad.

Washington, May 6.—Official information reached the Interstate Commerce commission today of the cancellation of a traffic agreement entered into June 18, 1903, between the Southern Pacific and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad companies.

In the opinion of the commission the abrogation of the agreement is of the highest importance. The facts concerning it were developed at the recent inquiry into the relations of the Southern Pacific with other corporations. It was the opinion of several Interstate Commerce commissioners that the agreement was in restraint of trade and might subject the officials who entered into it to a prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust act.

Notification of the abrogation of the agreement was received in a letter from R. S. Lovett, of New York, general counsel of the Southern Pacific company. Mr. Lovett assigns as the reason for the action the enactment by the California legislature of a law which prohibits contracts restricting competition.

The agreement binds the Salt Lake road not to change rates within 99 years without the consent of the Southern Pacific. It came out at the inquiry that the agreement extends beyond California and binds the Salt Lake road to build no extensions north of Salt Lake parallel.

MONEY IS TRACED.

Witness Saw United Railroads Official Pay Gold to Reef.

San Francisco, May 6.—Sensational testimony was given before the grand jury today by United States treasury officials, which laid bare the details of the bribery of Abe Ruef, Mayor Schmitz and the members of the board of supervisors by the United Railroads. Through the testimony of Superintendent Leach of the mint, Assistant Treasurer Julius Jacobs, of the San Francisco sub treasury, and others, \$225,000 of booty was traced from the hands of the United Railroads to the city officials. Several officials of the United Railroads were also called as witnesses, but invoked their constitutional right and refused to testify.

One of the most startling pieces of testimony was that of Mr. Leach, who told the grand jury that he personally had seen Thornwell Mullaney, assistant to the president of the United Railroads, pay \$5,000 to Ruef. This was only the beginning. Other witnesses completed the chain of evidence, which, it is predicted, will result in the indictment of some of the most prominent officials of the local traction trust.

WORRY ABOUT OLD CATHEDRAL.

London Corporation Quarreling With County Council.

London, May 6.—Citizens of London are anxious about the safety of St. Paul's cathedral. The southwest tower is leaning several inches out of perpendicular and large cracks have appeared in the stone work.

A sharp conflict has arisen between the City corporation and the London County council regarding the stability of the cathedral. The council proposes to run a main sewer under the threatened tower, and this the citizens resent as likely to hasten the ruin of the cathedral. Lord Mayor Treloar has spoken vigorously on the necessity of safeguarding London's cathedral, while Sir Benjamin Baker, the most eminent civil engineer in England, says he is prepared to pledge his professional reputation that the proposed sewer could not in any way affect the cathedral.

A public meeting to protest against the construction of the sewer is being arranged at the Guildhall, where the lord mayor will probably preside.

Will Not Give Up Lima.

City of Mexico, May 6.—Guatemala has refused to comply with the request of the Mexican government that Jose Maria Lima and Colonel Bore, charged with complicity in the assassination of General Barrillas, be extradited. The cabinet held a protracted session and, it is said, debated the advisability of immediately severing diplomatic relations with Guatemala. No one would talk, but Minister of Foreign Affairs Mariscal said that the position of the Mexican government may be announced tomorrow.

Japan Has Got-Rich-Quick Fever.

London, May 6.—Japan has caught the "get-rich-quick" fever, according to a London merchant who has just returned from Japan, and who says that unless the nation sobers down, speculative crises will become as common in Tokio as they are in New York. Some day a Japanese Leiter will make a corner in rice. The companies and syndicates floated during the twelve months ending in January last represented the astonishing total capital of \$700,000,000.

Attacked by Guatemala.

City of Mexico, May 6.—Telegrams from Salina Cruz tend to confirm a report that the Guatemalans attacked the Mexican lighthouse at San Berti, on the west coast.

CONFLICT IS FEARED

Violence Seems Certain In San Francisco Labor War.

MILITARY FORCES ARE PREPARED

United Railroads May Huddle Under Eagle's Wing by Asking for Federal Injunction.

San Francisco, May 7.—An air of nervous expectancy hangs over the city of San Francisco. It is such a quiet, suppressed sentiment as bespeaks approaching conflict. The situation is serious with a gravity born of uncertainty. The United Railroads propose to resume the operation of its lines with non-union men. Two thousand union men are on strike, and, while neither side will discuss the possibility of violence, the situation has been carefully canvassed by the police, the militia and the officers of the regular army.

There is a settled feeling in the city that the cars cannot be operated without violence of some sort. Wherever the subject was discussed, the opinion was expressed that trouble was inevitable. While still hoping that no outbreak will attend the running of the cars, the authorities have made preparations for any emergency. General Funston arrived last night and assumed command of the department of California. The militia armories are being guarded and the police force has been given emergency orders.

The situation is complicated by the telephone strike and the vast industrial army made idle by the ironworkers' strike. Among the unions the feeling prevails that the defeat of the carmen would be the heaviest blow the unions could receive.

Reports are current that, if trouble attends the attempt of Mr. Calhoun to run the cars, he will force the issue upon the government, either through a request for a receiver or through injunction proceedings in the Federal court.

PREDICTS COAL FAMINE.

Union Pacific Official Says Road Will Sell No More Coal.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 7.—"I look for a greater coal famine next year than ever before, and the Union Pacific, which has always taken care of the people along its line, will no longer be able to do so on account of the Hepburn bill," is a statement attributed to W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad, by the Wyoming Tribune today.

"The small dealers," Mr. Park is further reported to have said, "have in a way depended upon the railroad for the supply of coal to help them out, and, unless they store their own coal during the coming summer, they will face a famine in the winter. Coal consumers along other lines where a similar arrangement has been maintained by coal-carrying roads will meet the same emergency. The Union Pacific will store coal as usual this summer, but will have none to sell."

TORNADO WASTES PRAIRIE.

Wrecks Villages and Kills People in Northern Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7.—A storm of wind and rain, which was general throughout a considerable area in Northern Texas and which at some places assumed the proportions of a tornado, according to meager reports received here tonight, has resulted in the loss of at least three lives, the injury of many other persons and great damage to property and crops.

Several villages were wiped out, but because of the prostration of both telegraph and telephone wires details are almost impossible to obtain. At Deport, one of the largest villages in Lamar county, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northeast, cutting a path about 200 yards wide.

Record Trip Around Horn.

Los Angeles, May 7.—A special to the Herald from San Diego says that the steamer President, one of the vessels adroit, now engaged in an effort to break the existing record for a voyage around Cape Horn, is reported to have passed San Diego yesterday afternoon. The message was received by wireless telegraph and stated that the President, which left Philadelphia March 23, would arrive at San Francisco tonight or Wednesday morning. If the estimate is correct the President will make the trip in 46 days.

Relations Not Severed.

Mexico City, May 7.—Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Guatemala have not been severed. Tonight the sub-secretary of foreign affairs, Jose Alegria, emphatically denied the report emanating from Washington to the effect that Minister Gamba had been recalled.